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To: Western Region Quality Improvement Committee

cc: Brent Platt, Western Region Director

Dear Members of the Western Region Quality Improvement Committee:

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 2010, which contains your recommendations for improving structured foster care in the Western Region. Your recommendations include a proposal for a pilot project in the Western Region for the next 12 months that would include recruiting and training relief home parents, creating a crisis home, utilizing interns as support aids, and recruiting in-home therapists. Your proposal also includes quarterly reviews and updates, to be submitted to Child and Family Services Administration.

Child and Family Services Administration is pleased with the work that the Western Region Quality Improvement Committee has put into this proposal and completely support it. We recommend that you take whatever steps are needed to initiate the pilot project, and offer the support of the State Office staff in any way that is needed for the implementation of this project.

Sincerely,

Duane Betournay

Director